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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU ON INTERNAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

1. SUMMARY: ADDRESSING A LARGE CROWD ON JUNE 16 FROM
CENTRAL COMMITTEE BUILDING BALCONY, CEAUSESCU AGAIN
EMPHASIZED THEME OF NATIONAL UNITY TO MARK TWIN ANNIVERSARIES
OF 1848 REVOLUTION IN MUNTEANIA AND 1948 NATIONALIZATION
OF MEANS OF PRODUCTION. IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE PEP TALK
PRELIMINARY TO TODAY'S CC PLENUM HE PRAISED ALL SEGMENTS
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OF ROMANIAN SOCIETY AND AGAIN ENDORSED PLAN OVERFULFILLMENT AS " REALISTIC." ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CEAUSESCU ENTHUSIASTICALLY DESCRIBED CSCE MPT RESULTS AS HISTORIC " WHICH COULD HAVE A POWERFUL INFLUENCE FOR DECADES OVER THE DESTINY OF THE ENTIRE WORLD" BUT DEMONSTRATED UNHAPPINESS WITH CONDUCT OF MBFR ALONG BLOC LINES BY REFRAINING FROM ANY SPECIFIC MENTION OF VIENNA TALKS. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING PATTERN OF EARLIER CEAUSESCU SPEECHES AT MASS GATHERINGS COMMEMORATING 1848 REVOLUTION IN MOLDAVIA (IASI) AND TRANSYLVANIA (BLAJ), BUCHAREST ASSEMBLY FOCUSED ON MUNTENIA, AND STRESSING NATIONALIST AND IMPLICITLY ANTI- RUSSIAN THEMES. THUS, CEAUSESCU'S HISTORICAL REVIEW LAID LAAME ON " FOREIGN INTERVENTION" OF " THOSE TWO LARGE POWERS WHICH SHARED IN DOMINATING THE ROMANIAN PRINCIPALITIES-- THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE AND THE TSARIST EMPIRE" FOR FAILURE OF 1848 MOVEMENT. DESPITE ITS NATIONALIST IMPLICATIONS, TONE OF SPEECH WAS CAREFULLY UNPOLEMICAL.

3. CEAUSESCU EXPANDED BRIEFLY ON ECONOMIC CONCERNS ANNOUNCED AT LAST WEEK' S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (BUCHAREST 2192). ON 1974-1975 PLAN, HE REITERATED FAMILIAR THEMES OF NEED FOR INCREASED QUALITY, GREATER EFFICIENCY, AND LESS WASTE. CEAUSESCU AGAIN PLACED MAJOR EMPHASIS ON MEETING TARGETS FOR EXPORTS AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AS PROBLEMS OF " NATIONAL IMPORTANCE." HE SAID FACT THAT BUCHAREST HAS SURPASSED ITS OVERFULFILLMENT TARGETS FOR FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 1973 ATTESTED TO " REALISM" OF PLAN OVERFULFILLMENT GENERALLY. CEAUSESCU ALSP REVEALED THAT OVER 130,000 WORKERS HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM ADMINISTRATIVE TO PRODUCTION JOBS AS RESULT OF THIS SPRING' S REORGANIZATION MEASURES, BUT ADMITTED THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE STILL RESISTING TRANSFERS. COMMENT: WHILE PLENUM MAY DISCUSS PLAN, WE UNDERSTAND FROM VARIOUS SOURCES THAT IT WILL ALSO DISCUSS EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY AS RELATED TO PREPARATION FOR INDUSTRY, AND ALSO WILL EFFECT, OR RATIFY, SOME PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE SECRETARIAT. GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 20 ON CONCLUSION OF TWO- DAY PLENUM AND COULD ALSO DEAL WITH CERTAIN PERSONNEL MATTERS ON GOVERNMENT SIDE.

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4. ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CEAUSESCU PRAISED OUTCOME OF CSCE MPT AS BEING OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE IN ASSEMBLING 34 COUNTRIES-- BIG AND SMALL-- " PERHAPS FOR FIRST TIME" ON BASIS OF FULL EQUALITY. IDFOR FIRST TIME IN MAJOR SPEECH SINCE MBFR TALKS BEGAN, CEAUSESCU MADE NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO VIENNA TALKS. HE INDICATED IMPLICIT

CRITICISM OF MBFR, HOWEVER, BY RESTATING (IN CONTEXT OF DISARMAMENT) FAMILIAR GOR POSITION THAT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS CANNOT BE SOLVED WITHOUT THE EQUAL PARTIC SATION OF ALL COUNTRIES, " BE THEY BIG, MEDIUM, OR SMALL."

5. ON BALKAN COOPERATION AND NUCLEAR- FREE ZONE, (" WITHOUT FOREIGN MILITARY BASES"), CEAUSESCU RENAEWED CALL FOR MEETING OF BALKAN STATES ORIGINALLY PROPOSED IN HIS JULY 1972 NATIONAL PARTY CONFERENCE SPEECH. COMMENT: WHEREAS TURKISH AMBASSUTOR WAS TOLD BY AN EASTERN DIPLOMAT THAT GOR WAS READYING A " MAJOR BALKAN PROPOSAL" THIS SUMMER, YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR DISCOUNTED THIS AND FONMIN MACOVESCU SPECIFICALLY DENIED SUCH PLANS WHEN ASKED BY THE GREEK AMBASSADOR.

6. OF INTEREST GIVEN REPORTS OF HIS POOR HEALTH, PRESIDUM MEMBER BODNARAS WAS PROMENENTLY FEATURED IN PHOTO COVERAGE OF JUNE 16 SPEECH. LARGE GATHERING (WE ESTIMATE BETWEEN 75 AND 100,000) WAS HIGHLY ORGANIZED (SOME CURIOUS FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN WERE REFUSED PERMISSION TO LEAVE UNTIL THEY SHOWED POLICEMEN THEIR PASSPORTS) AND EVENT WAS POSSIBLY TIMED AS DEMONSTRATION OF POPULAR SUPPORT ON EVE OF IMPORTANT CC PLENUM.
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